

Autonomy teams to report on self-rule agreements

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agreed upon, yesterday split into teams of experts to detail what was being referred to as election modalities...

Hussein has 'no intention' of joining autonomy talks

PARIS (Reuters). — King Hussein of Jordan yesterday said he did not plan to join Egypt and Israel in negotiations for the autonomy of the Palestinian people...

volved. "I have no intention of joining Egypt and Israel in negotiations for the autonomy of the Palestinian people," he said...

Canada envoy here

Post Diplomatic Reporter Robert Stanfield, the special Middle East envoy of Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark, arrived here last night for a five-day stay.

House Speaker 'Tip' O'Neill: Presidential nomination belongs to Ted Kennedy

WASHINGTON. — The speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, said yesterday that the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination belongs to Senator Edward Kennedy if he wants it.

Weizman in U.S. to ask for \$3.4b. more aid

Post Economic Reporter Defense Minister Ezer Weizman arrived in the U.S. yesterday to present Israel's request for increased economic and military aid to the tune of \$3.4b. for the coming budgetary year.

'Relentless' war on inflation Purchase tax higher on cars; pay freeze seen

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday decided on a series of anti-inflation measures — such as increasing the purchase tax on cars and selling state lands — most of which have been decided on in the past but never implemented.

Deaths denied in Syrian sectarian clashes

LATAKIA, Syria (AP). — Denying "outrageous reports... about peaceful towns," the governor of Syria's largest port yesterday sought to refute reports of serious sectarian clashes between majority Sunni Moslems and Syrian President Hafez Assad's minority Alawite sect.

cent of Syria's 8.5 million persons. The Alawites are 10 to 15 per cent. The sources said that five persons died when government troops went in to clear the streets of about 2,000 demonstrators.

The popular Blue Beach resort, however, seemed deserted and officials indicated the tourist trade has suffered. Syrian officials have blamed the Latakia violence on the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood, an extremist Sunni group.



West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher shows his Israeli counterpart, Moshe Dayan, into his Bonn office yesterday.

Dayan: No crisis with Bonn

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies BONY. — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan emerged yesterday from a meeting with his West German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, to declare that there is no crisis in Israeli-German relations.

Zimbabwe Rhodesia combatants face off at London peace conference summit table

LONDON (UPI). — Within a bullet-proof security shield, British yesterday convened a make-or-break conference to end a bloody guerrilla war in Zimbabwe Rhodesia and bring that African state to legal independence.

Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe. Nkomo and Mugabe confronted the Mugabe-Smith team across the hollow square of the conference table. Their forces confront each other in a bitter guerrilla war, which already has cost more than 25,000 lives.

All streets alongside King Henry VIII's Palace of St. James's are no-go areas for the public. Police sharpshooters stalked rooftops under a prowling helicopter.

Vance queries Soviet envoy on combat brigade in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance met with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin yesterday, reportedly to ask the envoy why the Russians have stationed a combat brigade in Cuba.

Before the afternoon meeting at the State Department, Vance and CIA Director Stansfield Turner briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee for 3 1/2 hours on the situation. Iowa Sen. Roger Jepsen said Vance indicated he was "going to be quite firm and insist on getting some direct answers" from Dobrynin, who returned from a vacation in Russia for the meeting.

Police: Major lock-up breakout thwarted

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — On the eve of yesterday's opening of the trial of the three men charged with what authorities have termed the most violent bank robbery in the country's history, five youngsters were caught "apparently trying to arrange an escape" for the three men.

ventilation shaft. Three were caught at first. The two others were caught when they arrived at the scene and whistled into the shaft, apparently trying to call into the holding cell. The suspects told the court they were trying to get water for their overheated car, but the judge turned down the argument after police reported the car had a full radiator when the youths were caught.

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First Egypt-Israel co-production Armies to clash again in Yom Kippur War film

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter A dramatic movie using the Yom Kippur War as a backdrop will be produced by an Egyptian and an Israeli film company with army units from each country serving as "extras," according to Eddie Soffer, managing director of Jerusalem Capital Studio.

Israel-made film at Cairo festival

By JOAN BORSTEN Jerusalem Post Reporter Israeli film producer and director Menahem Golan will attend the Cairo Film Festival which begins next Monday if the Egyptians grant him a visa in time.

Bahais protest Irani persecution

TORONTO (AP). — Canadian followers of the Baha'i religion have protested to the Ayatollah Khomeini against the destruction of their religious centre in Iran. The Baha'is, the largest religious minority in Iran, also appealed for support in telegrams sent to Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark and Flora MacDonald, minister of external affairs.

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In Memoriam

A memorial service and unveiling of the tombstones of Reb Avraham Moshe Dulin and his wife Miriam will take place in Jerusalem tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Har Hamenuhot's Hassidim plot...

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Israel Young, national vice-president of American March of Women, accompanied by her husband, for a visit.

Kuwaiti arrest Khomeini's nephew

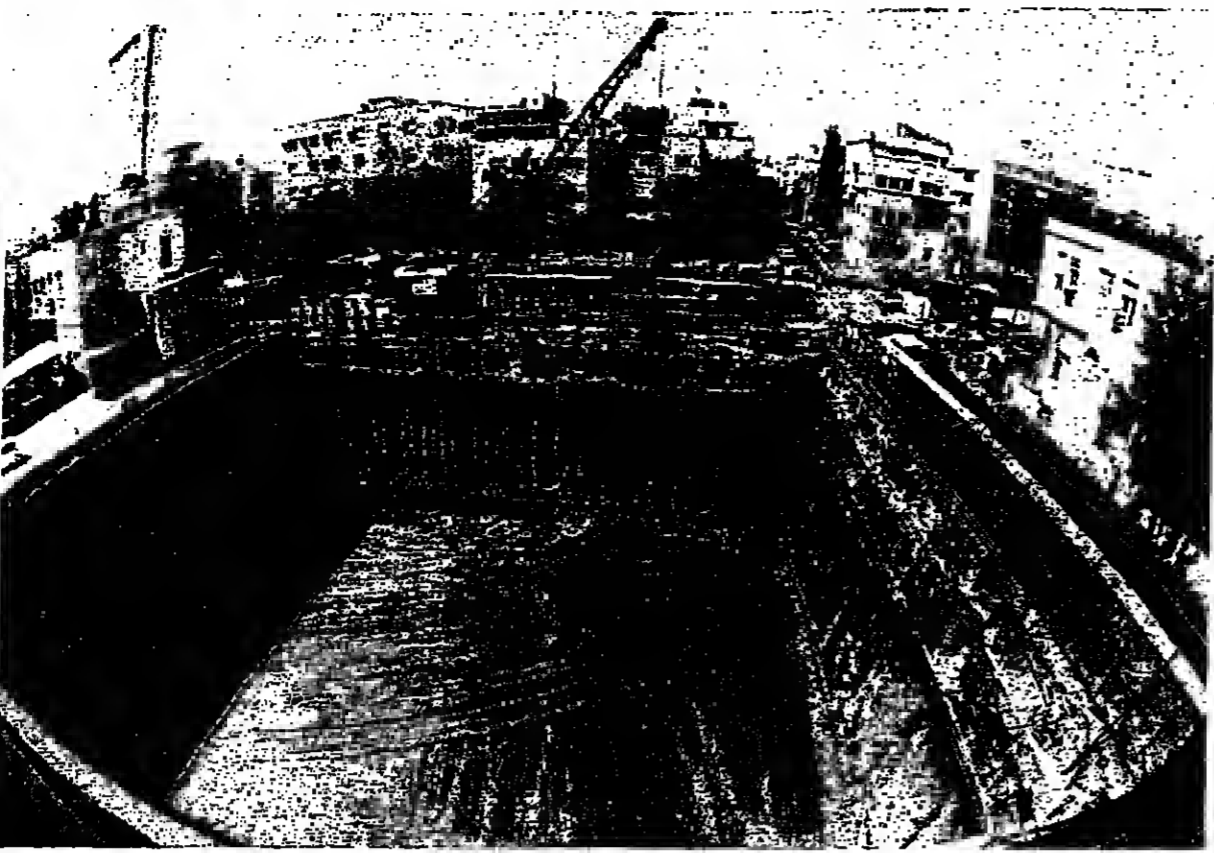
BEIRUT (UPI). — Lebanon's Christian Phalangist radio yesterday said that the Kuwaiti government arrested the nephew of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini for telling people to revolt against Kuwait's ruling family.

'Demon' decapitated

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A demon was decapitated with an axe outside a New York church by a man who apparently believed him to be the devil, police said yesterday.

Leopard changes spot from wilderness to zoo

A rare Palestinian leopard was captured near Eilat last week and transferred to the Fetah Tikva zoo.



A big hole in the heart of Little Tel Aviv — a bulldozer is dwarfed by the 15-metre-high retaining walls surrounding this excavation site at the corner of Rothschild Boulevard and Rehov Yavne. The General Bank of Israel is building its offices on the site. (Yigal Yissachar)

MDA votes to close all branches

By ALAN ELSNER, Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The heads of all the country's Magen David Adom branches, at an emergency meeting yesterday, decided to close all MDA branches unless the government gives the organization "immediate and massive aid."

JERUSALEM POST POLL Public sees outside interference in TV

By MARK SEGAL, Post Political Correspondent. TEL AVIV. — A majority of the public believes that there is undue outside interference to television programming, primarily by the government.

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In the past, with no serious attempt ever made to implement it. • Part's proposal to reduce the tax on work premiums, overtime and late shifts from its present 75 per cent will be studied.

Lands Administration ridicules decision to free 200,000 dunam for housing

Post Economic Reporter. JERUSALEM. — Lands Administration sources yesterday ridiculed the government's decision to release 200,000 dunam for public sector housing and another 100,000 dunam for private residential construction.

Prosecutors to get IL6,000 more

By YORAM BAR, Jerusalem Post Reporter. The 170 state attorneys will be back in court today after reaching an agreement with the Civil Service Commission and Justice Ministry.

Harp festival enters last round

The seventh International Harp Contest is going into its third and final round tomorrow with six finalists fighting for the prizes which range from \$500 to \$2,000.

Ophira people may block Sinai roads

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter. Ophira's residents yesterday threatened to prevent holiday-makers from reaching Santa Katerina and Ras Muhammad on Roah Hashahana.

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Negotiators here have not been touching on the controversial substantive issues of East Jerusalem, the status of the military government during the transitional period or Israel's troop redeployment in the territories.

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In dispute on settlements Knesset c'tee to hear Yadin appeal next week

By ASHER WALLFISH, Post Knesset Reporter. The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee will discuss the Democratic Movement's appeal against two new West Bank settlements next Monday.

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Levy: Gafny turned country against gov't

By SHELMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Housing and Absorption Minister David Levy yesterday accused the governor of the Bank of Israel, Arnon Gafny, of "electing the whole country on the government's" causing unrest and denying all hope of improvement in the economic situation. Levy made his attack at yesterday's meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee. Gafny said that, though the government makes periodic decisions to cut the budget, the money usually finds its way back via settlements, wage or Nagev redeployment allocations. Levy suggested that the government would be making "a praiseworthy contribution on his initiative if he were to freeze construction of the Bank of Israel's luxury headquarters."

Ministerial Economic Committee by saying that the bank's economic forecasts "include and are based on" the committee's decisions — a hint that the committee's work precludes effective execution. Gafny added that Levy was attacking the diagnosis of the ill instead of the disease itself. The central bank governor repeated his call for a cut in the growth rate from 6.7 per cent annually to 3 per cent. Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor claimed that ministers compete to put out the highest number of budgets. He demanded cuts involving "tens of billions of pounds" in all spheres of private and public spending, except settlement, defence and housing. But he also wanted wage earners to receive 100 per cent compensation for price rises. Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Patt said that a six-month freeze on new settlements should be considered, while at the same time strengthening existing ones.

Dulzin absorption stand gets mild Agency support

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter The Jewish Agency Executive yesterday voiced support for chairman Arye Dulzin's "struggle for making the aliya and absorption system more efficient and concentrating care of the immigrant in a single body." A conciliatory resolution, proposed by Prof. Ra'anan Weitz (Labour), chairman of the settlement department, was toned down and did not mention Dulzin's long-standing demand that the Jewish Agency, rather than the government, control aliya and absorption. Dulzin restated his assertion made on Israel TV on Saturday night that he would not sit with Absorption Minister David Levy until the latter apologizes for the way he spoke to him during an angry meeting last week with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, at which the premier supported Levy's demand for a national absorption administration that would allow his ministry to continue. At the meeting Levy reportedly told Dulzin, a Liberal, that he had been "elected chairman of the Ex-

ecutive only with Herut's help." Sources close to Levy maintained yesterday that the minister would not apologize because "he told the truth." Raphael Kotliowitz, chairman of the aliya department, and Mattityahu Drobless, Weitz's co-chairman in the Agency's settlement department — both of Herut — said at yesterday's Executive meeting that they objected to the sharp language Dulzin used on TV against the government, saying that it needed "God's mercy." Dulzin told the Executive that the fight was not between himself and Levy, but between the Agency and the government. Unless a final agreement is reached by next month, the Jewish Agency's board of governors, scheduled to meet in October, will "have to take far-reaching decisions," he said. Dulzin has claimed that Diaspora Jewry are strongly opposed to the absorption administration proposal. Meanwhile, the premier still has not set a date for an additional meeting with Levy, Dulzin and Kotliowitz, which he said would take place this week.

Shuttle buses and transfers being considered for J'lem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter Shuttle buses and transfers are among the ideas being weighed by a committee studying reorganization of Jerusalem's bus routes. Buses from outer neighborhoods would drop passengers off at terminals at the fringes of the downtown area under one alternative being considered. Transfer tickets would permit passengers to board shuttle buses free at these terminals — among them Jaffa Gate, Binyanei Ha'Ooma, and Mandelbaum Gate — which would carry them to points in the downtown area. City Councilman Avner Peretz, in charge of the transportation portfolio on the council, said yesterday that the capital's 45 bus routes were mostly cross-city lines, 23 of them passing through sections of Jaffa Road. "This 'both create bottlenecks and is an inefficient use of the buses' he said in an interview. The committee studying route realignment consists of officials from the municipality, the Transport Ministry and J'lem. Six meetings have been held so far; final

recommendations are expected by mid-November. Two other alternatives are being studied. One calls for loop routes that would bring buses into the downtown area and return them to their starting terminal without crossing to the other side of town. The other is a rationalization of existing routes. Peretz said he is also considering recommending that the downtown area be closed to private cars during rush hours. The decision, however, rests with the Transport Ministry and police. Birthday party ends in arrests TEL AVIV (Him). — Police raided a birthday party in Rehov Ezra Ehasofer here early yesterday morning, arrested about 20 celebrants, both sexes and confiscated large amounts of hashish. The apartment, where a suspected drug dealer lives, was watched by police. The raid began at 1 a.m., and 10 women and nine men were arrested.

South Lebanon's 'Voice of Hope' is on the air

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies MARJAYOUN. — An American evangelist began broadcasting "the word of God" to war-scarred Southern Lebanon yesterday, playing the theme from the movie "Exodus" as one of its first songs. George Otis, an evangelist who heads the "High Adventure Ministries" based in Van Nuys, California, raised \$450,000 from 10,000 of his followers to start the radio station he calls "The Voice of Hope." The station's twin broadcasting towers, decorated with white peace doves, are situated in a valley to protect them from shelling. Disc jockey and engineers work in a former Lebanese customs house, on the road from Metulla to El-Khiam. Christian militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad participated in the first broadcast. Haddad said that the broadcasts will give hope to every Lebanese that Lebanon will once again be united and free of the Syrians and Palestinian terrorists. Kios priest, Mansur Hakim, also praised the new station. Francois Rizak, spokesman for the Christian militia, said in the opening broadcast that the Voice of Hope would provide the Lebanese people with the "whole truth," unlike the other stations. A Pat Boone rendition of the theme song from "Exodus" was among the first songs played. It begins, "This land is mine, God gave this land to me..." in describing the establishment of the State of Israel. The Voice of Hope, broadcasting on 98.6 kilohertz, uses a 30-kilowatt transmitter. According to Otis, its broadcasts will reach Beirut, Damascus, Cairo and Jerusalem. Yesterday, broadcasting at only half-power, signals were limited in range. He said the station will begin operations by broadcasting eight hours a day, later increasing this to 24 hours. The station broadcasts English news bulletins five times a day, in addition to two Arabic and two French newscasts. Every 15 minutes programmes will be interrupted for "God's commercial" — a passage from the Bible.

Moscow Book Fair: a success for Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel's participation in the Moscow Book Fair, which ended yesterday, was a success despite some barbs from Soviet authorities, according to Shlomo Erel, director of the Book and Printing Centre of the Israel Export Institute. Some 700 books in Hebrew, Russian and English, all printed in Israel, were displayed. Four titles, however, were banned by the fair directors. Six Israeli publishers who had intended to go to Moscow were refused visas, Erel said. As a result, the Israeli stand was headed by Tomi Issaemia and Gerahon Pollock, director of the Jerusalem Book Fair, Reuven Lavi, of the Export Institute, Dov Gorfund, manager of Am Oved publishing house, and Eitan Zayit, of Kibbutz Meuhad publishing. One positive result of the fair was the acquisition of translation rights into Hebrew of a recent Russian best-seller, "Heavy Sand" by Anatoli Rybakov. The novel is set against the background of the Holocaust. 13 Israeli guides depart for Egypt Post Tourism Reporter The first group of Israelis trained as tour guides of Egypt left yesterday for an eight-day trip to Egypt after the 13 Israelis completed a three-month course conducted by a Tel Aviv University Egyptologist. The 13 were the first of some 80 graduates of the guide course, which was organized by Express Tours of Tel Aviv, to visit Egypt. All the guides are professionals, and 25 are Israeli Arabs. Taught here by Dr. Raphael Ventura, of Tel Aviv University, they will be guided in Egypt by Cairo University Prof. George Selhab.

NEWS ANALYSIS/By Sarah Honig Labour jittery after Beit Berl meet

TEL AVIV. — Troubles are brewing in Labour. With early elections seen as increasingly likely, the question of what group will lead the party at the polls is an issue never far from the surface. Accordingly, last Saturday's political gathering at Beit Berl has sent ripples throughout the party establishment, with supporters of Chairman Shimon Peres especially anxious. Despite soothing words by Ihud Kibbutz movement head Mueea Harif and by MK Uri Baran, both of whom denied that the aim of the gathering was to unseat Peres, Labour yesterday continued to be rife with speculation about the real motives of the group. About 40 prominent figures in Labour gathered in Beit Berl over the weekend, including the heads of the kibbutz movement and Histadrut concerns. Prominent were Harif and Bank Hapolim's Ya'acov Levinson. Many of those who met at Beit Berl, the party's centre for political education, had at one time been linked to former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who yesterday told the press that "it is too early to evaluate the meeting at Beit Berl. Such gatherings were known to have taken place in the party in the past. I see no harm and no sin in such gatherings at a time in which, apart from the Party Bureau and Central Committee, the party almost entire-

ly lacks institutions and small decision-making forums." Harif has said that the sole subject on the group's agenda were socio-economic problems, and that no political personnel problems came up. "Any attempt to suggest the group's alignment to either the Shimon Peres camp or to a rival Yigal Allon camp is groundless and is concocted with an eye to stirring internal unrest in Labour," he said. However, those Labour circles who remain anxious, nevertheless point to the fact that Harif said "central figures in the party knew about the gathering and Yigal Allon had even given his blessing to it." But his revelation that Allon knew and approved, evoked to deepen the sense of disquiet among Peres backers. MK Uri Baran, who chaired the gathering and who is considered loyal to Peres, stressed that the group "had not and will not engage in ousting party office holders. We think that Labour must face the public with a different image today than that which characterized it in 1977 and we feel that it ought to have a leadership team which it presently lacks. But we do not plan to overthrow anyone." Party insiders refuse to take most explanations at face value; the feeling is of something brewing beneath the surface. It is pointed out that many of those who took part in the

gathering oppose the lightning choice of a convention preparatory committee pushed through last week by Peres. Many also took part in an earlier meeting at the home of Amos Horev, which is regarded as a meeting of Yigal Allon supporters. The fear in Labour is that it is not inconceivable that a unity of purpose might evolve between the two groups at some point, although the Beit Berl gathering certainly included people identified with the Rabin camp. Another line of thought is that the group will not gamble with the undertaking of replacing the party chairman but that it would strive to establish itself as a leadership powerbase from which Labour's familiar old faces, including one-time ministers, would be excluded. A further possibility mooted is that the group would push forward several of its members to such positions of prominence in the party as to eventually become candidates for its leadership or powerbrokers. Most frequently mentioned in this context are Harif and Levinson. Meanwhile, there is talk at party headquarters and branches of counter gatherings by pro-Peres groups. The party now awaits Peres' return from America to assess his reaction and to determine what the ensuing developments in Labour would be.

Rabin: Peres premiership wouldn't have stopped book

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Former premier Yitzhak Rabin yesterday said that even if Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres had been prime minister, he (Rabin) would have published his scathing criticism of Peres — "although I'm not sure it would have been permitted to see the light." Rabin made his statement at a press conference announcing the appearance of the hard-cover French edition of his autobiography, "Service Diary," in which the former premier said he did not consider Peres a suitable candidate for premier. Rabin said he would never serve in a Peres government, and that he still hasn't ruled out running for the premiership himself some time in the future. The former ambassador to the U.S. stressed that even if Peres were prime minister at the time of publication, he would not have hesitated to publish it. But he charged that he was "not sure that its con-

tents would have been permitted to see the light." Peres, who took over the party leadership after Rabin resigned in April 1977, "ought not to be the party's choice for the premiership. This has been my opinion, and still is, and I am not divulging any secret here," Rabin declared. Rabin said he has no intention of "abandoning political life. I am definitely staying and I will remain a member of Labour and not a conditional member, with all that implies." He said he thinks Labour Party members who participated in the Leadership Bureau meeting that slammed him for publishing his anti-Peres account, "will not be proud of the session in retrospect." "My book constitutes my full reply to all those who have attacked me without reading it," he said. He said he felt duty bound to write the book to share the experiences he had accumulated in the various posts he has held. "Such things ought to be written when they are topical," said the former chief of staff, "and



Yitzhak Rabin at his press conference yesterday. (GPPA)

Sudan student convicted of illegal entry

BEERSHEBA. — A Sudanese student was found guilty in district court here yesterday of illegally entering, by his own admission, Israel from Jordan. The student, Bosco Okio, 23, was stopped at the northern checkpoint in Eilat on August 11. He claimed that his passport had been stolen and that he had entered Israel "to find the Sudanese embassy" — unawares, apparently, that Sudan has no embassy in Israel. The judge, in convicting Okio, pointed out that it might indeed be possible that Okio did not know his country does not have an embassy here. He acceded to the prosecution's request that Okio be held in custody until a way is worked out to return him to Sudan. Sentence will be handed down on October 14.

MKs asked to set example on roads

The Knesset subcommittee on road accidents decided yesterday to call on all MKs, government ministers, army officers and policemen to drive carefully and serve as an example to other drivers. The committee, which met yesterday under the chairmanship of Meir Amlal, also called on the police to step up their presence on the roads as a deterrent.

Psychosomatic meet opens in capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter Some 450 experts, including physicians, anthropologists, psychiatrists and swamis, are participating in the International Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine which opened in Jerusalem yesterday. The participants, from 25 countries, are to discuss such issues as the difference between Eastern and Western concepts in treating psychosomatic illness, the effect of the Holocaust on its victims, the effect of weather on stress and demons in traditional societies.

Yishuv volunteers at Beit Hanassi Jewish Tommies tell their tales of times in WWII

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter Eighty greying men, many wearing battle ribbons and medals over the breast pockets of their white shirts, searched their memories yesterday for their experiences as Jewish soldiers in the British army fighting against the Nazis. The group, representing the 80,000 Jewish men and women who volunteered as long ago as 1939, attended a reception at Beit Hanassi to mark 40 years since members of the Yishuv first joined the British army. "We volunteered despite the fact that they didn't want us," said Rav-Aluf (res.) Haim Laakov, the president of the Jewish Veterans Association. "We did a job that can't be recorded in any single book or article." Laakov noted that while arguments are much more sophisticated today, "then Chamberlain met with Hitler, and today Kreisky meets with Arafat." Dr. Yoav Gelber, a young historian who wrote a book about the Jewish volunteers in World War II,

said that in 1940, 400 of the volunteers were believed to have died in battle. Today, his card files list nearly 750, "and I can't promise that will be the end." President Yitzhak Navon, who prodded his guests to come up with piquant stories of their service, recalled that the volunteers were in a dilemma after the war broke out. They had to decide whether to defend the small Yishuv or to go out and oppose the Nazi slaughter of their brethren in Europe. Navon urged the veterans to "continue to be active and not turn inward. Volunteers can never retire." People who had contributed so much in the past must tell the younger generation about what they had done, and go on to help change the quality of life in Israel, the President said. Hanna Marron, the actress who was a volunteer in the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service), recalled Moshe (Shertok) Sharret's activities with the volunteers and how he was certain that a Jewish state would be established. "The fact that Jews volunteered to fight the Nazis, said Moshe Yuval, another volunteer who is now a retired ambassador, induced many at the UN in 1947 to overcome their doubts about the Yishuv being able to establish a viable state.

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3 'Mezah' stronghold soldiers' burials today

Three soldiers who died defending the "Mezah" stronghold on the Suez Canal on the first day of the Yom Kippur War will be buried today. Their bodies were identified on Sunday. A fourth soldier will be laid to rest tomorrow. Samal Albert Dahan of Moshav Salsufa will be buried at the military cemetery on Har Hamed at 2 p.m. Samal Moshe Devora's funeral will take place at 4 p.m. at Ramle cemetery, and Samal Yitzhak Mills of Tirat Carmel will be laid to rest at the Haifa military cemetery at 3 p.m. The funeral of Rav-Torai Moshe Yitzhak Tuval of Bnei Brak will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the military cemetery of Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Aliya up in August; dropouts decline

August was an exceptionally good month for aliya, and the percentage of Russian immigrants who dropped out in Vienna was down from July, Jewish Agency Aliya Department chairman Kotliowitz told a World Zionist Executive meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. The number of olim to arrive in Israel in August was 3,926, an increase of 72.5 per cent over the figure for August last year. A record 4,713 left the Soviet Union, and 3,190 of them dropped out in Vienna. This represents a dropout rate of 67.7 per cent, as against 70 per cent in July.

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Iran grief-stricken over Taleghani death

TEHRAN (UPI). — Iran yesterday mourned the death of its second most important leader, Ayatollah Syed Mahmoud Taleghani, with an unprecedented public expression of grief across the country.

Taleghani, 68, died of heart failure less than two hours after a prolonged meeting at his home with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov. His presidency of the secretive Islamic Revolutionary Council of Ayatollah Khomeini was revealed only after his death, indicating for the first time his key position in the Islamic regime.

Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, who cried bitterly as Taleghani's body was taken for burial, declared a public holiday yesterday and a three-day national mourning that ends tomorrow night. The country responded with a total shutdown of business and massive street demonstrations.

Taleghani, hailed by the official Pars news agency as Iran's main moderating force, had been widely tipped to become the Islamic republic's first president.

His death raised the question of a public nomination of a president for the Revolutionary Council, whose composition has only partially, and indirectly, been discussed since Khomeini formed it on his return from exile in France last February.

The council is Iran's chief executive and legislative body. Its functions range from determining verdicts by summary revolutionary courts to framing new laws.

In a condolence message sent from his residence in the city of Qom, Khomeini said, "I did not expect to survive and lose my close and valuable friends one after another. This was a reference also to three Revolutionary Council members assassinated since his takeover.

Taleghani was one of the youngest and most popular ayatollahs in a constellation of the Moslem religious leaders dominated by septuagenarians. But he was frequently ill, apparently due to torture suffered in nearly 15 years of imprisonment under the regime of the Shah and his father.

His uncompromising stand brought him into a serious confrontation with the Moslem militiamen soon after the revolution, when two of his five sons and a daughter-in-law were kidnapped and later released by the revolutionaries.

Taleghani left his religious seat at Teheran for an undisclosed retreat, but returned a week later. The protest left a lasting impression on Iranians, who preferred his moderation to the extreme policies of the militiamen.

Earlier yesterday the Iranian chief of staff, Maj.-Gen. Hossein Shaker, announced that Kurdish rebels had invited 28 Iranian army soldiers to a ceremony purportedly honouring their recent military victory, and then shot them to death.

In an interview published yesterday, Shaker told the "Kayhan International" newspaper that the massacre took place "recently" but gave no details of the location.

He said the army now was using extreme care in patrolling the Kurdish area, where a three-week Kurdish insurrection was put down by an army offensive last week.



Zimbabwe Rhodesia leaders Premier Abel Muzorewa, Dr. S. Muzandawana, and former premier Ian Smith at the opening of the London conference aimed at bringing peace to the southern African nation. (UPI telephoto)

Cuba's Russian troops threaten Carter and SALT, but not U.S.

Washington Post News Service WASHINGTON. — Despite the publicity, despite the hand-wringing in the Senate and despite the president's concern over this "very serious matter," no one in the military or intelligence communities here regard the Soviet force in Cuba as a military threat to the U.S. The "mysterious" brigade is an insignificant military force, smaller in fact than the forces maintained by the U.S. inside at Cuba at the Guantanamo base.

And regardless of its military insignificance, the "brigade" was a political issue ripe for exploitation by opponents of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) and by liberal senators, such as Frank Church, who are running for reelection in Conservative constituencies.

Less clear was the lesson for the U.S. intelligence community. Did its failure to turn up the brigade sooner demonstrate serious weaknesses in its capabilities? There was much disagreement among the analysts themselves on that point.

It was also not clear how president Jimmy Carter could handle the affair. The Russians could easily resolve his political problem by withdrawing the brigade. But that may not be their response.

"We are not dealing with a strategic crisis nor are we dealing with a direct and great military threat directed at the U.S.," said the president's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, in digging that firebreak before a group of out-of-town editors invited to the White House Friday morning.

"The issue is of a different nature," he said. "It involves the stationing of Soviet combat forces in the Western Hemisphere in a country which at the same time is pursuing an internationally active revolutionary role. It is more, therefore, of a political problem."

The Cuban issue raises some tough problems for the Soviet leadership if they are looking to make a concession. Unlike 1962, when they bowed to U.S. pressure and removed their medium-range missiles, heavy bombers and their 20,000-man division, Soviet strategic power is considered the equal to that of the American force. Thus they stand to lose some face if they appear to give in.

That perception will be even greater because there is nothing between the U.S. and Soviet governments barring the stationing of combat troops in Cuba.

Finally, the Soviets must consider the reaction from Cuban President Fidel Castro to any move they make.

When the Soviets in 1962 decided to remove their missile forces, Castro reportedly "was furious," according to a recently published account of the crisis. The account goes on to recount that Castro "refused initially to give up the R-28 (bombers) which the Russians had turned over to him."

Only continued threats of an American invasion convinced Castro he had to return the planes to the Soviet Union.

The Soviets have already toyed with one possible area for trading in the current situation. In a Moscow radio broadcast Friday beamed in English to the U.S., it was noted that the American navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, with 2,800 men, is "a dagger pointed at the heart of the young (Cuban) republic."

Marcos hints no speedy end to martial law in Philippines

MANILA (Reuter). — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday it would be folly to lift martial law while there were threats of increasing superpower confrontation, regional conflict, internal problems and even the possibility of nuclear war.

His strong speech during a military parade to mark his 62nd birthday today dashed speculation that he might use the seventh anniversary of his imposition of martial law on September 21 to announce a definite timetable for its ending.

In a move apparently designed to pacify church leaders, who have been increasingly critical of military abuses of civilians, he assured Filipinos that he would weed out those abusing their power.

At the same time he announced new pay rises and improved promotion prospects for the armed forces and promised local elections within 18 months.

On the platform to review the troops with him were several clerical leaders of this largely Catholic country, including Cardinal Jaime Sin who has been increasingly vocal in calls for a speedy end to martial law. Marcos welcomed the church's participation in the ceremony, including a special thanksgiving mass, and praised the clergy for bringing alleged military abuses to his attention.

But the president, who has now run the country for 14 years — the first seven as elected president — said the international situation and the unstable conditions around Southeast Asia would not allow him to end martial law though he had considered doing so this year.

A hint that martial law could last at least another five years came when he said that the transitional legislature he had elected last year to help him rule would last until 1984, when elections would be called for a more normal parliamentary body.

Soviets developing world's largest transport plane

GENEVA (AP). — The Soviet Union is developing a huge new military transport plane to succeed the Antonov-22 series, several of which are known to have crashed, a Swiss aviation publication said yesterday.

It said the new aircraft whose construction details are still unknown could well turn out to be bigger and better than the American C-5A Galaxy, which is currently the biggest aircraft in the world.

A review of the Soviet military transport air force published by the "International Defence Review" claimed two Antonov-22 planes are known to have crashed into the Atlantic and one in India, and probably more inside the Soviet Union.

It said that the crashes "indicate fatigue problems with the airframe, while the very short time between overhauls of the engines indicates that the aircraft's huge turboprops perform unsatisfactorily."

The review said the Soviets halted production of the Antonov-22 which has four turbo-prop engines, a payload of 80 tons and maximum takeoff weight of 250 tons in 1974, after about 65 of the planes had been built.

It said based on the assumption it will be superior to the Antonov-22 and on indications from reports, the Antonov-40 may be expected to have a payload of 120 tons and gross takeoff weight of 430 tons, compared to 100 and 348 tons for the Galaxy.

Sanjay Gandhi, supporters arrested for row in court

NEW DELHI (AP). — Sanjay Gandhi, son of former prime minister Indira Gandhi, and 180 supporters were arrested yesterday after they forced their way into a courtroom in Dehra Dun, northern India, the United News of India reported.

It was his fifth arrest in less than six months. In the most serious of these cases, he was charged with attempt to murder, armed robbery and attacking public servants during a riot last May Day in New Delhi. The charges carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Sanjay, 32, is accused of attacking police officials and shopkeepers in New Delhi's main shopping centre during the riot. At least 14 persons were injured in the hour-long clash. One shopkeeper claimed Sanjay attempted to murder him.

He is currently on bail in the different cases and appealing a conviction for ordering the destruction of a politically satirical film, which brought a two-year sentence.

Although Sanjay's appearance was requested at the court yesterday, police objected to his leading his young supporters, members of his youth wing of his mother's opposition "Indira Congress" party.

Ignoring police protests, Gandhi and his followers pushed their way through a cordon of constables into the courtroom.

Police swung cane clubs to break up the Gandhi supporters, the news agency reported from Dehra Dun, located about 200 kms northeast of New Delhi. Young Gandhi went to Dehra Dun for a scheduled court appearance in one of the numerous criminal cases he is facing in different parts of the country.

Seventh foreigner slain Canadian tourist killed in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuter). — A Canadian tourist was shot dead in Afghanistan Sunday, the seventh foreigner killed since Friday.

A Canadian Embassy spokesman here in the Pakistani capital said that unknown assailants opened fire on the bus in which the Canadian tourist was travelling between Herat, on the Iranian border, and Kandahar, southern Afghanistan. There were no reports of other casualties.

On Friday, six West Germans, including two children, were shot dead at an archaeological site outside Kabul.

The killings reflect the mounting ferocity of Afghanistan's civil war and the apparent inability of the rebels to distinguish Russians from other Europeans.

The Soviet Union's estimated several thousand military and civilian advisers in Afghanistan have been a key target for the insurgents fighting to overthrow the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

They have been numerous reported incidents of Russians being attacked and killed either when they were on excursions or in the main cities.

The six West Germans killed were on a picnic near some ancient ruins southeast of Kabul. Their bodies were found on Friday by Afghan children. They were shot several times by bullets from what a West German Embassy spokesman described as "very old guns."

Meanwhile, in Peshawar, Pakistan's northwest frontier province capital, two hand grenades were thrown at a house belonging to one of several Afghan rebel groups that have their headquarters there. Two months ago, unnamed assailants also threw grenades at the home of Sibtghanullah al-Mojaddidi, leader of the Afghanistan National Liberation Front, one of the six guerrilla groups represented in Peshawar. The insurgents have begun an autumn offensive to strengthen their hold, particularly in eastern Afghanistan, before the winter snows in late November force their supporters down from their mountain sanctuaries.

Kabul's Soviet-equipped army forces have retaliated with heavy bombing of the insurgent areas and there has been a marked increase in the fighting and guerrilla raids across the country over the past two weeks.

Getting into Chinese college is easier said than done

PEKING (AP). — Chanting "we want to go to school," about 200 students staged a sit-in at the municipal offices yesterday, complaining that they had passed their entrance examinations but were not admitted to college.

The protesters left after a representative of the Peking Revolutionary Committee — the city council — told them their cases would be reviewed.

The demonstration began at 11:30 a.m. when 400 students and workers marched down the capital's broad main avenue, passing the vast Tian Anmen Square. At one time the crowd swelled to 1,000 as people flocked around out of sympathy and curiosity.

There was no official comment on the demonstration, which climaxed several days of complaints in the press and on "Democracy Wall." Calls to the revolutionary committee and Education Ministry produced no answers.

Chinese observers said, however, that the admission procedure is complicated and is not based solely on passing academic and physical examinations. Examination results are sent to the applicants of preference and decisions are made by the schools.

The student demonstration came on the heels of a 12-day sit-in by unemployed provincials at China's government offices. Street protests have been rare in Peking, the last occurring last December, when several hundred provincials marched downtown to "The People's Daily," the official Communist Party newspaper.

Fear Moro's daughter is terror target

ROME (AP). — Anti-terrorist police said yesterday they were investigating a possible attempt to kill Anna Moro, Giordano's 10-year-old daughter of slain Italian politician Aldo Moro.

Giordano told police she was leaving her apartment house on Sunday carrying her one-year-old daughter Astrid when a car suddenly made a U-turn on the deserted street and ran up on the sidewalk. She stepped back into the house to avoid being hit. She said four or five men were in the high-powered car, but she was apparently unable to furnish further details.

Her sister, Maria Fida Moro, said in a brief newspaper interview that only Anna's presence of mind saved her from being hit by the car. "Without doubt the car tried to run over Anna and Astrid," she said.

Giordano lives with her physician husband on Via Savoja in central Rome, near her father's former offices. The former premier was kidnapped by the Red Brigades terrorist gang on March 16, 1978, and was found shot to death in a car 65 days later.

Siamese twins' separation televised

TAIPEI (UPI). — A team of 36 doctors and medical experts yesterday successfully separated Siamese twins attached below the waist, creating two one-legged children in a nationally televised operation, hospital sources said.

The 32-month-old twins, Chang Chung-ten and Chang Chung-yi, were both in good condition after the operation at the National University Hospital, they said.

They had shared three legs, one of them deformed, and one set of sexual organs. Their livers and the large intestine also slightly overlapped.

Doctors and the twins' parents agreed on the operation, the first of its kind in Asia, last May after months of uncertainty.

The operation left two one-legged children, one without sexual organs. But the hospital sources said each had a healthy nervous system.

CEMENT. — Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. yesterday announced it has received a 40 billion yen (\$300m) order to build a cement factory at Derza in Libya.

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For reservations, call or visit our office, 4 Agron St., Sunday through Thursday, 9.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m., Tel. 223539.

Silhot will be conducted at 4 Agron Street, Saturday evening, September 15, at 11.00 p.m., to be preceded by light refreshments and a lecture by Professor Reuven Hammer of the Jewish Theological Seminary on the significance of the High Holy Days, beginning at 9.30 p.m. (Discussion following the lecture.)

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Tuition Fee: IL500 for the course.

Airport shootout leaves one dead

MADRID (UPI). — A youth, ordered to open his suitcase at an airport metal detector, pulled out a pistol and fled after an exchange of shots with police that killed a woman passenger. Authorities said the youth escaped in the direction of Madrid in a taxi he commandeered at gunpoint.

The incident came six weeks and a day after the bombings of the same air terminal and two railroad stations in Madrid by Basque separatists killed seven travellers.

Witnesses said paramilitary civil guards manning a metal detector in the national terminal of Barajas Airport ordered a youth of about 25 to open his suitcase when it set off an alarm. The youth opened fire with a pistol and fled, chased by police who shot back.

Archie gets his 4th Emmy award

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — Carroll O'Connor this week won a fourth Emmy for his portrayal of cantankerous Archie Bunker in "All in the Family."

However, the audience at the Pasadena Centre on Sunday night reserved its biggest ovation for CBS newsmen Walter Cronkite, who received the American Television Academy's Governor's Award.

"Lou Grant" was named best drama series.

O'Connor's award was for best actor in a comedy series.

The Ministry of Communications announces changes in telephone numbers

IN TEL AVIV

Effective Friday, September 14, 1979, at 2 p.m., numbers beginning with the digit 5 will change to six-digit numbers:

From this changeover time, a 6 is to be added at the front of the number. Otherwise, numbers are unchanged.

Example: the number 53967 becomes 653967.

Remember: Correct dialling avoids unnecessary additional overloading of the exchange. Overloading means less efficient service.

The changeover will affect 10,000 numbers in the Shalom Mayer Tower commercial district and environs, and includes government offices, public institutions, banks, touring and travel companies and many business establishments. Subscribers concerned are advised to put their new number on their business stationery and advertisements, and take advantage of the free calls allocated to notify those with whom they are frequently in touch.

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- Gavzell School, 18 Rehov Hanev'im, Mon., Wed. 5.30—7.45 p.m.
- Balfour School, 12 Rehov Balfour, Sun., Tue. 5.00—7.15 p.m.
- Alshech School, 38 Rehov Mirva Eshed, Sun., Tue. 5.30—7.45 p.m.
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AMNON ALTMAN, the new head of the Government Tourism Administration, has one important thing going for him. The office has nowhere to go but up.

Going against him is the fact that he has inherited a disgruntled group of employees who were far from thrilled about their new boss. Many were frankly obstructive about this "outsider."

In a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, however, the former director of films and light industry for the Industry, Trade and Tourism Ministry sounded more hopeful than optimistic.

For example, prices for the coming spring and summer season have not yet been set, although a year is the very minimum that the large tour companies abroad demand for inclusion in their brochures.

Altman said that the hotels have agreed on what he called "maximum price rises" for the coming year, despite the uncertain economic future, and added that the ministry was finalizing prices with the bus companies. But at least one prominent hotelier later told *The Post* that agreement on prices was far from settled.

Meanwhile, Altman has been consulting both hotel people and tour agents on how to sell the country. They will concentrate, he said, on the cheap package tour.

In the U.S., which has been sending fewer tourists abroad in the past year, the appeal will be to specific income and age groups, such as the elderly, with publicity concentrated in specific magazines and periodicals. Another aspect which will be stressed in the U.S. is incentive tours, which large firms give to outstanding employees.

Altman favours setting up an advisory forum, with members of the industry and government meeting periodically. But he added that this had been tried unsuccessfully too often in the past to go into it without careful preparation.

ONE PROBLEM that still remains unsolved, Altman admitted, is that of supervision of tourist enterprises. Israel just can't afford to hire a permanent force of tourist police, such as are to be found in Greece, he said.

As a matter of fact, the number of people involved in checking up on hotels, guides, shops and restaurants is so limited that the inspectors are

'OUTSIDER' SET FOR NEW START

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

limited to a purely passive role. They can only act on complaints received from tourists.

But, he added, an effort is being made in Eilat to improve the situation. Three municipal inspectors, under the direction of the tourism administration, are checking prices, making sure that hotels display the price of extras and keeping their eye on cleanliness.

The campaign, he says, should end many of the complaints regarding Eilat by the large European charter operators. A park is also being built in the centre of the hotel area, to be ready in mid-October. It will have a

"khan," with shops, a plaza and a stage for public performances.

On the beach a central services building is being erected which will provide for a fee, clean toilets, showers and changing rooms. But perhaps most important, he has hopes that the terminal at the Eilat air field, known in the tourist trade as "Eilat West," will be ready for the coming season, thus freeing incoming and outgoing tourists from the hardship of long waits in unbearable heat.

In a frank, informal sabbat manner, Altman admits he knows little about the industry, stresses his

willingness to learn from his staff and stresses the need for a fresh start.

Whatever the mistakes of the past, he is now faced with trying to make the tourism administration work like a normal government office, rather than a collection of disgruntled orphans.

He has visited each department in an attempt to get to know the workers and their problems. But the department heads must let him know what is wrong, he adds. Moreover, he has met with the head of the housekeeping, to iron out the problems of short supplies in the



Amnon Altman

(Alisa Auerbach)

tourism office. Even a lack of toilet paper is something that must not be overlooked, he stressed.

Another step which he hopes will result in an improved atmosphere within the administration is that soon after he entered his new office, a number of employees were up-graded.

He is also hopeful that the economic planning department, which was slow to disintegrate in the past few years, will be restaffed. Tourism is an economic branch, he stressed that needs economic planners. It is absurd to carry on the work of the administration without the help of economists, he stressed.

POET WILLIAM MEREDITH startled his audience at the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem last week when he argued for the prevalence of "entertainment" in poetry.

The proposition was especially surprising coming from a self-confessed "academic poet" and establishment figure, whose writing is marked by sober tones and lofty themes.

Best known for "The Wreck of the *Thresher*," "The Open Sea" and "Earth Walk," the 50-year-old poet has taught at East Coast universities for half his life and has held such august and influential positions as Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress. He has also served on the board of the U.S. Government's National Endowment for the Arts, which determines which poets and publications get public support, and has frequently been involved in America's most prestigious writers' conferences and workshops.

Thus it was surprising to hear Meredith vigorously endorse poetry that is "easily accessible to the public."

"I believe we've passed through the period of the 'private' poem," he told his audience, "that kind of elliptical, allusive work descended from Pound and Eliot and Wallace Stevens. We've proved we can be as direct as the Europeans. But I think that kind of poetry is best suited to a highly sceptical, and even limited, poetic imagination.

"We're seeing now a long overdue response to that sort of thing," he continued, "The idea is that if the poet can't entertain, he won't have a chance to get anything else through to the reader. The instincts of a Ferlinghetti, I've finally come to believe, are essentially correct. There's affirmative to have a philosophy" book talking through a typewriter."

Poetry for pleasure

By S.T. MERAVID/Jerusalem Post Reporter



William Meredith

(Lailah Karimsky)

MEREDITH illustrated his thesis by reading some highly accessible poems by younger American writers, and then examples of his latest work. They were all notably straightforward and free of preciosity or artifice.

"REM Sleep" was a fanciful speculation on what a sleeper's eyes are up to when engaged in what sleep researchers call "Rapid Eye Movement." "The Revenant" was a dramatic monologue inspired by an anecdote in a Kurt Vonnegut novel. "John and Anne" was a moving

meditation on John Berryman's essay on Anne Frank: asserting that "the hardest challenge a person faces is defeat," Meredith said that the prematurely wise Ann Frank had helped the emotionally stunted Berryman, who had gone "from bottle to bottle" in an attempt to hide from life.

"Dying Away" was written in homage to Sigmund Freud, and even incorporates quotations from the psychoanalyst into the verse. It begins: "Toward the person who had

died we adopt a special attitude: something like admiration for someone who has accomplished a very difficult task," he said, and now hospitals and rest homes are filled with harass and heroines in smocks, at their outsize, unwanted tasks...."

ALL OF Meredith's new poems were inspired by things he had read, rather than by experience. Yet earlier in the day, Meredith told me that he was now committed to poetry that is relevant to man's immediate concerns.

"I can appreciate now even the rationale to propagandize, such as Robert Bly and Denise Levertov did with their anti-Vietnam War poetry," he said. "I've always resisted the idea that art should tell people what to do. That seems an impertinence. But certainly we have a duty to correct the past. Poetry is, after all, an impulse toward health and order."

"And I can't agree with those who say, for example, that we can have no more poetry after Auschwitz. An attitude like that strikes me as cultural suicide."

Meredith indicated that lengthy debate and correspondence with younger poets was nudging him into accepting the idea that the poet should be an "engaged" citizen. He finds himself in sympathy, for example, with the anti-nuclear power movement in the U.S. and, somewhat to his own surprise, can conceive of himself writing poetry for that cause.

Armed with his new commitment to bringing poetry to the people, the academician made his point well during his brief visit to Israel. His audience found Meredith's poetry entertaining and elevating, and it responded warmly.

IT HAS been on the map since 1901, which makes Menahamiya the first settlement in the Jordan Valley. We are indebted to Moshe Timor (2nd programme, Tuesday, noon) for bringing it, even if ever so briefly, into the limelight. Only the tale, alas, was one of woe, recited by the chairman of its local council. I am sorry to say that his name eluded me.

This moshava was founded by the Jewish Colonization Organization and was intended to be a "wheat village." The name of the place doesn't ring a bell with many, let alone its location (south-west of Lake Kinneret). It deserves better. Its history reveals a long grim struggle for mere survival—typical if not universal for most of the eastern moshavot.

I happen to know about Menahamiya (named after the father of first High Commissioner Herbert Samuel and after the Arabic name of the place, *Mihamiya*), because I lived a score of kilometers or so to the north in a moshava that could have been Menahamiya's twin. Menahamiya was where we had our shooting range — "we" being Jordan Company Number 11. Remember the boys with the slouch hats? What stands out in my memory was the bathing place in the Jordan. The current there made swimming a challenge. One had to be an excellent swimmer to indulge and even so could find oneself swept downstream as much as half a kilometre in a mere attempt to reach the opposite bank, 50 metres or so off.

Scientifically, Menahamiya was a gem with its towering avenues of palms, planted before anyone knew that dates would do well in the area. There was also a great variety of shrubs and, of course, the meandering Jordan with its evergreen foliage on both banks, contrasting with the baked look of the rest of the countryside, and especially the steep ris-

Forgotten pioneer

LISTENING IN... Ze'ev Schul

ing hills to the west. There was malaria in all its varieties, tropical and the *tertiana* (recurrent) type and "black fever." This was true for most of the pioneer settlements, but the marauding Arabs were more of a menace than elsewhere because the border was nearby. Once a stolen cow was forced across the Jordan, it was gone for good. It was real frontier life. Now the malaria and the marauders are gone, but Menahamiya's lot is still far from enviable. Fully for Moshe Timor for bringing it all up in his weekly bit on development towns.

MENAHAMIYA is not a development town, and the local council wants to know why.

"Geographically and in all other respects we do qualify," radio listeners were told. Why indeed not?

It's on the border. The majority of its population are new to the area (and include a good percentage of immigrants). Supporting it would also serve the aim of dispersing population.

Menahamiya is being governed in an exemplary fashion (we were told), but since it doesn't get preferential treatment, people would rather go where the grass is greener. Or Akiva (between Hadera and Netanya) was an example given by the Menahamiya man who said it certainly shouldn't qualify as a development area.

What is worthy of notice is that not

only Menahamiya, but also other veteran settlements in the area like Yavne'el (turn of the century) Sejera-Danis, Migpa, Migdal, Rosh Pina and Metula all seem to share the same fate. They are all eastern frontier veterans and their contribution to the creation of the state disproportionately large in terms of their size. These were the haunts of the Labour Battalion people of the early '20s, of Trumpeldor, Ben Zvi, Ben-Gurion (and we deliberately started out with Trumpeldor).

They are all comparatively backward. Take Kibbutz Lavi and compare it to veteran Sejera, or Kfar Tabor, Migdal (the moshava) to Kibbutz Ginosar; or Menahamiya to any of the dozen or so prosperous kibbutzim in the area. Or development towns. Or any other form of settlement.

Somehow the moshavot missed their bus.

Under the Labour regime, they were step-children because of their "big-headed" political independence. The Likud Government has never really bothered with the agricultural sector and has seemingly brushed it aside from consideration as a suspected Labour stronghold.

"Why," asks our man from Menahamiya, "has a preferential status been given to Kiryat Shmona but none to nearby and even closer to the frontier Metula?" Why indeed not?

WE LISTENED gratefully to the networks' (plural — Galei Zahal was, as usual, excellent) coverage of President Sadat's visit to Israel. We got what the TV missed — like helicopter hovering over the presidential yacht as it was greeted by welcoming formation of Israeli missile boats in the best of naval pomp and splendour. In what should have been TV-dominated coverage, the radio networks won, hands down.

HONEY CAKE

- 1 cup honey
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1 t. vanilla
 - 1 cup pitted dates (optional)
 - 1/2 cup strong coffee
 - 1 t. baking soda
 - 1 t. cinnamon
 - 3 cups flour
 - 1 t. baking powder
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Place honey, eggs and oil in a mixing bowl and blend. Add brown sugar and vanilla. If using dates, soak in coffee and add. Otherwise, add coffee also.
 - Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon and baking powder. Add to liquid mixture. Stir in nuts. Pour into a well-greased tube pan or other baking pan. Bake in 325°F (170°C) oven for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

RAISIN CARROT CAKE

- 1/4 cups flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup grated raw carrots

Sweet cakes for a sweet New Year

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/Sybil Zimmerman

1/2 cup raisins

- 2 t. grated lemon rind
- 1. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a mixing bowl.
- 2. Beat egg whites in a second bowl until peaks form.
- 3. Combine sugar and oil in a third bowl. Combine egg yolks and water, then add to sugar-oil mixture. Add carrots, raisins and lemon rind. Blend in dry ingredients. Fold in egg whites. Pour batter into a well-greased baking pan. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

MOM'S APPLE SQUARES

- 1 cup flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt

1/2 t. cinnamon

- 1/4 cup margarine
 - 1/4 cup white sugar
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 t. vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup grated apples
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Sift flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon into one bowl.
 - Cream margarine and sugars in a second bowl. Add vanilla and egg. Add dry mixture to creamed mixture alternately with apples. Add nuts. Pour batter into greased baking pan. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Let cool, then cut into squares.

RAISIN AND NUT CAKE

- 1/2 cups raisins
 - 1/2 cup hot water
 - 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1/2 t. salt
 - 1/2 t. baking soda
 - 1/2 t. vanilla
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Pour hot water over raisins. Let stand to cool.
 - Cream butter or margarine with sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Sift flour, salt and baking soda. Add to creamed mixture alternately with raisins. Stir in nuts. Pour into greased baking pan and bake in 375°F (190°C) oven for 35 minutes.

RUTH'S TAIGLACH

- 4 cups sifted flour
 - 1 t. baking powder
 - 3 T. oil
 - 4 eggs
 - pinch ginger
 - 3/4 gram container of honey
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 250 grams filberts or other nuts, but not peanuts
- Place flour, baking powder, oil and eggs in mixing bowl. Mix and then knead dough until smooth.
 - Form into rolls a little less than 1 cm. thick. Cut into pieces 1 cm. long.
 - Place honey and sugar in a large pan and bring to a boil. Then pour into hacking dish (or dishes). Drop in dough pieces. Place in 375°F (190°C) oven. Do not stir until dough is well puffed and just beginning to brown. Then add nuts. Let bake until brown, occasionally stirring.
 - Remove from oven, turn out onto a wet board and let cool slightly. Pip your hands in cold water and pat until flat. Sprinkle with ginger, then refrigerate.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Piece of furniture made to curve (6)
- 7 Arrange music? (6)
- 8 One takes the part of Melinda (6)
- 14 One bird in a wild troupe (6)
- 11 Potato fit for a king? (6)
- 14 It's among the cozier novels (5)
- 17 Win points for drinking (5)
- 17 Speed a deserter on the way (5)
- 19 Drizzle with a grand Dada? (5)
- 21 Heavens getting rather to look a horse (5)
- 22 It grows up in a short line (5)
- 23 Writes little bits (4)
- 24 Possibly dooms a city (4)
- 25 One might expect to be said by the management (4)
- 26 Quick to help an actor (4)
- 28 Fugue warmly (4)
- 31 The fastest for Iran? (4)
- 32 Be pleasurable enough to for a fellow (4)
- 33 Tradesman who assumes the style of doctor? (4)

DOWN

- 1 It's depressing to read up about an MP (6)
- 2 Eaten with either extra ordinarily (6)
- 3 That of the fans at the Den? (6)
- 4 This was meant that a bare actress in politics? (6)
- 5 Place (less bar) on the east side (6)
- 6 In charge of the east side (6)
- 8 Longest to take in to heart (6)
- 9 Find out what's after a bee (6)
- 10 Scenes in rowing (6)
- 12 Respond to a call to do it again? (6)
- 13 This villain causes a boy some pain (6)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Mend (6)
- 7 Large mammal (6)
- 8 In the past (6)
- 14 Cruel (6)
- 11 Profession (6)
- 14 Flee (6)
- 14 Tales (6)
- 17 Trick (4)
- 19 Become mature (5)
- 21 Ventilated (5)
- 22 Brown pigment (5)
- 23 Overwhelmed (4)
- 24 Fair fun of (4)
- 25 Drink (3)
- 26 Passionate (6)
- 29 Tree (6)
- 31 Worshipped (6)
- 32 Frenzied from anxiety (6)
- 33 Make certain (6)

DOWN

- 2 Brass (6)
- 3 Family relative, not exactly (6)
- 3 Bobbin (4)
- 4 Sprinkled (7)
- 5 Living material (5)
- 6 Celebrities (5)
- 8 Belonging to us (4)
- 9 Rigus (3)
- 12 Smuggled (3)
- 13 Follow (5)
- 15 Shocks (5)
- 16 Bunch (5)
- 19 Bone (3)
- 20 Fur such (3)
- 21 Corroded (7)
- 22 Bunch (5)
- 23 Provisions out (6)
- 24 Sucky (4)
- 25 Waste time (6)
- 26 Liner (5)
- 27 Crowning (5)
- 28 Help (3)
- 30 Crowd (4)

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS—1, Fruit, 6, Alibi, 8, Neptune, 10, Trust, 11, Clasp, 12, Gashed, 13, Tea, 14, Seal, 15, Gashed, 16, Train, 17, Fines, 18, Alley, 20, Utters, 22, Merc, 24, Post, 25, Cabaret, 26, Level, 27, Idios, 28, Madam, 29, Spashed, 30, Brass, 31, Tires.

DOWN—2, Hardly, 3, Insect, 4, Let's, 5, Stead, 6, Aggravate, 7, Lead, 8, Rival, 12, Bella, 13, Set up, 14, Actor, 15, Tiger, 16, Wren, 17, Pail, 18, Archer, 19, Thunder, 22, Malady, 23, Relate, 24, Ocean, 24, Leap, 26, Met.

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'Taxing tzmudim would lead to financial collapse' In defence of linked bonds

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the country didn't have index-linked government bonds (tzmudim in Hebrew), it would have to invent them as an anti-inflationary tool...

to find some other way to link the value of the money the general public was investing.

He did not see that any other method was available, at least not at present. "In the past, when the terms of the bonds worsened, so did savings schemes throughout the country."

"Let's assume that we don't have index-linked bonds. How would the ordinary person preserve the value of his money in time of galloping inflation? The first thing would be to buy real estate. This would send the already high price of flats and land soaring out of sight."

He rejected the idea, raised by some people, that "linked-bonds were almost equivalent to ready cash since they were freely convertible."

He admitted that they were freely convertible, but pointed out that this did not mean they were "near money," since they were generally not used as "money."

"If the rate of turnover of checking accounts in Israel pounds was 60 per cent, and that of foreign currency accounts 14 per cent, that of linked-bonds was only 0.62 per cent," he said.

The banker also rejected the idea that the government was finding it harder and harder to redeem the bonds, and that eventually the day would come when the government could not "roll these bonds over."

Separate protests were issued by the Central Provident Fund of the Histadrut workers, and by Mivtahn, which is also affiliated with the Histadrut.

redeem the bonds in the foreseeable future," he said, noting that in 1978 redemptions reached a peak. If redemptions were IL5b. in 1978, they rose to IL8.9b. the next year, to IL17b. in 1977, peaking at IL35b. in 1978.

This year, redemptions would fall to IL4b. In 1980 (according to 1979 values) they would fall to IL5b. in 1981 to IL7.5b., in 1982 to IL7b., rising to IL25b. in 1984, peaking at IL32b. in 1984 (another hard year for redemptions), and then falling to IL22b. in 1985, Wainahal predicted.

He also rejected the idea that the convertibility of the bonds should be restricted, that is to say, they could only be converted after being held for six months or so.

"This would give us very little," he said. "If we have IL5b. on the market today which are freely convertible, then the IL2b. to IL4b. we are selling each month would not make much difference, since only a small part of them are being converted within a short period."

What would happen if the government did not issue the linked bonds? "It would have to find ways and means of obtaining many billions of pounds each year. One possibility is to impose higher taxes on either in to print money, the third is to borrow abroad, and the fourth, which we all favour, is to reduce government expenditures."

The only fault Wainahal could find with the entire system of linked bonds was that they were not used solely to "freeze" the amount of money available.

"The government not only uses them to redeem new issues, but also for other purposes, which are not anti-inflationary, such as issuing non-linked loans." However, Finance Minister Ebrlich had promised that everything raised in 1979 above IL32b. would be used to reduce the inflationary spiral.



END OF THE SEASON FOR CORN — Jerusalem street vendor Yosef Mizrahi is peeling the last cobs of the season, which started in June. The 44-year veteran of street selling will switch to cotton candy for the winter.

Stormy weather as labour trouble brewing at El Al

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al may be facing another labour conflict following the refusal of its ground staff works committees to co-operate with the efficiency programme put forward by acting president Rafi Har-Lev.

The ground staff committees' refusal comes in the wake of that of the pilots and other aircrew. These are steadfast in their decision not to accept any changes in their take-home pay. Such changes would result from management's decision to stop subsidizing the income tax payments of pilots. This year alone that practice will set the airline back some IL400m.

Har-Lev has also advised employees that, in the interest of efficiency, some workers would be shifted to other jobs.

The ground staffers, who had earlier indicated they would accept 7 1/2 per cent wage cuts as well as forgoing certain fringe benefits and bonuses, have now changed their mind in the wake of the defiant attitude of the pilots.

El Al's current deficit, estimated to be in excess of \$50m., more than

double that of last year, may force the airline to do some severe cutting.

Experts say that El Al's only recourse is to dismiss at least 1,000 of its present staff of 6,200.

Such a step would save the airline about IL450m. a year. A new early-retirement programme with attractive compensation payments is under consideration.

El Al has no pension scheme, and employees can stay on their jobs past normal retirement age. In the past few years some 400 employees have taken advantage of a previous early-retirement programme.

El Al's recent decision to sell three of its older Boeing aircraft would automatically make several hundred employees redundant. Each aircraft has five to six complete aircrews, in addition to teams of technicians, cleaners and clerks.

The delivery of four new Boeing 767s, recently ordered, will naturally call for additional personnel. But the first of the new aircraft is not scheduled for delivery until 1983. By that time, board chairman Mordechai Ben-Ari predicts, the airline will again be fully economically viable.

Against linking provident fund loans

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several provident funds yesterday protested against the intention of the finance ministry to link loans from these funds.

The three main protesters are linked to the Histadrut, and that body announced that it was setting up a five-man committee, headed by Yehoshua Vilan, head of its social security department, to study the situation. The Histadrut will then open discussions with Finance Minister Simcha Ebrlich to persuade him to reverse the ministry's decision.

The Organization of IDF (Civilian) Workers, the workers committee of the Israel Aviation Industries, and the committee of the Military In-

Getting ready for tourism from Egypt

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

If the Egyptian government gives the go-ahead, the Israel tourist industry can expect a stream of visitors from the neighbouring country. Prof. Shimon Shamir of the Shiloah Institute told the members of the Jerusalem Skai yesterday.

He said that the Egyptians as a whole were perhaps less curious about Israel than the Israelis were about Egypt, but added that the large population of Egypt meant that even if a small percentage wanted to come, they could still flood the country.

Tourism will be the first real official contact between the two societies, he said, and it can either help peace or fall, depending on the behaviour of visitors — from either country.

He called on the members of Skai, especially those active in the tourist industry, to help in giving proper guidance to Israelis going to Egypt.

London's population is shrinking

LONDON (AP). — London's population is expected to drop by nearly a fifth in the next 20 years in a large-scale shift from Britain's major cities, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said in a recent report.

100 — is currently ranked 11th among the world's most populous cities, by the British publication, Whitaker's Almanac.

The Association predicted London's population will drop by 17.8 per cent by the year 2,000.

Whitaker's lists Tokyo, with 11,880,000 people as the world's biggest city, followed by Shanghai, 10 million, Mexico City, 8,842,000 and Buenos Aires, 8,774,000.

Whitaker's places New York eighth behind Seoul, Cairo and Peking, and ahead of Moscow, Tientsin and London.

Large Canadian oil find

CALGARY (AP). — Domo Petroleum has reported what may turn out to be one of the largest oil finds in Canadian history. The discovery, after more than ten years of exploration in the Beaufort Sea, eventually could ease Canadian dependence on foreign oil.

Domo drilled the 4,200 metre-deep well, called "Kopanoor M12," about 140 km. off the Mackenzie Delta in Canada's Northwest frontier. The well is about 600 km. east of the Prudhoe Bay area of Alaska, scene of vast U.S. oil reserves and production.

Domo called its find "of important commercial significance," and its president, William Richards, said Thursday the oilfield's reserves "have the potential of going into the billions of barrels."

But oil industry sources said the Beaufort Sea's hostile environment, combined with the 5,000-km. distance from southern Canadian markets, will cause such high production and transportation costs, that high production rates will be needed to transform the Domo find into a successful enterprise.

Laker's skytrains may cut costs of European air travel by half

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Travel Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Low-cost Skytrain services to 38 cities of the Common Market countries is Sir Freddie Laker's most recent challenge to conventional travel patterns.

After revolutionizing travel across the Atlantic, Sir Freddie's European Skytrain flights would, if approved by the civil aviation authorities, commence in 1981. In many instances air fares across Europe would be cut 40 to 50 per cent.

Sir Freddie is meanwhile expanding his fleet of aircraft and current orders include ten A 300 Airbus and five DC 10s.

Sir Freddie also plans a round-the-world Skytrain service, which could "have an equally dramatic effect on fares. At the same time (Laker) is preparing to launch a 60-hour comprehensive tour packages to Australia, which may include a stopover in Israel.

Sir Freddie is to arrive here on November 6, on board the first charter flight from the UK by a Laker Airways DC 10. An official associated with the Laker Airways told The Jerusalem Post that Sir Freddie has agreed to spend one of his two nights in the country addressing members of the travel industry at a gathering at the Somesta Daniel Towers hotel in Herzliya.

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14,000 Hebrew books listed

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A "General Book Catalogue," containing the names of 14,000 books available today in Hebrew, either originals or translations, was published yesterday. The editor and publisher is Zvi Steiner, who arranged for the actual classification of the books. The volume was "computerized" by the Eddy Levy Scientific and Commercial Programming company.

This is the third edition that Eddy Levy put on the computer. The first edition, in 1973, contained 10,000 books available in Hebrew, and the second edition, in 1976, contained 12,000 titles.

Levy noted yesterday that "another 9,000 books published in Hebrew were not included, either because we had insufficient information on them, or because they are out of print."

Chrysler asks U.S. gov't for \$1b. cash advance to help its recovery

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Top executives of the financially ailing Chrysler Corporation said last week they will submit a recovery plan expected to include a request for hundreds of millions of dollars in Federal aid.

Chrysler had earlier forecast losses of over \$700m. this year and asked the U.S. government for a one-billion cash advance in the form of advance tax credits.

A joint statement after a meeting with Treasury Secretary G. William Miller underlined the U.S. Treasury's firm refusal to approve any such bail-out scheme involving taxpayer money.

This left only the possibility that the government would offer guarantees for whatever loans Chrysler might be able to secure from commercial banks.

The statement also repeated the government's demands that Chrysler demonstrate its ability to repay any loans, and that Chrysler officials and employees show willingness to make concessions to ease the financial strain on the firm.

Chrysler chairman John Riccardo and company president Lee Iacocca, also present at the meeting, have agreed to accept symbolic dollar-a-year salaries pending the company's recovery. Other executives also have accepted pay cuts.

Treasury Secretary Miller said the only acceptable form of government intervention would be the guarantee of between \$500m. and \$750m. in loans. This would involve no outlay of Federal cash unless Chrysler defaulted.

Any form of aid approved by the Treasury and the White House would require authorization by Congress, where there is strong sentiment against Federal assistance to private firms.

Discount had IL324.3m. profit in six months

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Discount Bank yesterday announced its semi-annual results, which revealed consolidated total assets of IL472.5b. and reflected a gain of 82.5 per cent over last year. The growth in the balance sheet total easily outperformed the 65 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index over the same period.

Consolidated net profits for the period, after taking into account taxes of IL13.6m. and minority interests, came to IL324.3m. This compares with IL194.1m. in the first half of 1978 and marks a gain of 67.1 per cent.

Earnings per share for the Discount A IL10 shares were IL5.69, compared with IL3.65 a year ago. The EPS gain was in the order of 56 per cent.

Figures for Discount Bank include the results of the Barclays-Discount Bank, the Mercantile Bank, the Israel Mortgage and Development Bank, Maspalim — the Company for New Financing, Discount Trust Co., New York, and Discount Bank (Latin America) Montevideo.

The sum total of deposits at the end of this June was IL445.5b., compared with IL401b. a year ago. Deposits by the public were IL100.5b.

This overall development of the bank was also reflected in the growth of its savings schemes. The Check scheme for the accumulation of funds for near-term purposes was especially well received by the public. Mutual funds and pension schemes, which do not appear in the balance sheet, also progressed rapidly. The assets of the ten mutual funds managed by the Discount Bank Investment Co. stood at IL7.7b.

In July a new fund, called Tzeman, whose assets are invested in linked bonds, was added. In the first month of its existence assets reached the IL1b. mark.

The sum total of the bank's managed pension and severance pay funds stood at IL13.7b.

The bank and its daughter companies operate some 200 branches, of which 14 are overseas. An office in Sao Paulo was opened recently.

Table with financial data: Assets 82.9%, Deposits 79.9%, Deposits from the public 88.4%, Loans 70.2%, Own capital means 37.9%, Net profit 67.1%, Not profit per share 58.9%

Discount provident funds prosper

TEL AVIV. — During the first six months of 1979 some 35,000 breadwinners joined the provident funds run by Bank Discount, compared to only 38,000 new members in all of 1978, the bank announces. The funds now reaches 250,000, of which 215,000 are members of the largest fund, Tamur.

During the first six months of the year the total assets of the funds grew by 48.3 per cent, or IL4.5b. In all, the funds had total assets of IL13.7b. on June 30, 1979. Of this, IL11.5b. were in Tamur. The fund started with 70,000 members on July 1, 1974.

More work sanctions at Discount Bank

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The workers committee of Bank Discount is to meet tomorrow morning to decide which of the bank's 170 branches it will close down the same day.

Yesterday, the committee closed down some 20 branches in the Greater Jerusalem area (which includes Ramallah and Jericho). "Today there will be closures," the spokesman of the workers committee said yesterday. He noted that "there is no contact with management on meeting our demands for higher wages, and we do not expect any contact in the near future. Thus, we will continue to close down different branches from time to time, until a settlement is reached."

Management is offering a 22.5 per cent pay hike (including advances already granted), but the workers are demanding at least a 30 per cent pay hike above and beyond these advances.

Iraq to raise oil prices

LONDON (Reuter). — Opec's third-largest oil exporter, Iraq, is to introduce new sales contracts in the new year, which would substantially increase the price of Iraqi oil, industry sources said yesterday.

Spokesmen for Shell, Petroleum (BP) and Royal Dutch Shell, two major buyers of Iraqi oil, confirmed yesterday that talks were under way at Iraq's request to renegotiate the terms and conditions of their contracts from January 1, 1980.

But they would not comment beyond saying that the renegotiation was not a notice of cancellation of their contracts, which entitle the two companies between them to more than 300,000 barrels a day of Iraqi oil.

The industry source said, however, that the talks, which also include several American oil giants, such as Mobil, Exxon and Gulf Oil, were aimed at netting Iraq a higher income per barrel for its oil before Opec's next price conference in December.

They were commenting on a report in the authoritative oil weekly, Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), that Iraq had told many of its customers that their contracts would be terminated at the end of the year when different conditions would be introduced.

"It said that Iraq, which sells almost three billion barrels a day of crude, had told its customers, the present contracts had become 'inappropriate,' owing to changed circumstances.

The oil industry source said that in its talks with the oil companies, Iraq appeared to be simply seeking ways of raising its oil price nearer the \$23.50 ceiling imposed by Opec on all crude oil sales by its members since July.

Iraq sells its crude oil for less than \$20 a barrel now, but similar oil from neighbouring Iran is being sold for more than \$21 and this may be one reason for Iraq's efforts to obtain a higher price, the sources said.

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London metal prices

Official closing prices on Friday, September 7, 1979, at the London Metal Exchange

Table with metal prices: Copper 2896-7 a ton, Tin 28,785-800 a ton, Lead 2325-9 a ton, Zinc 2911-5 a ton, Aluminum 2798-11 a ton, Silver 23.85-9 an ounce, Gold 328.15 an ounce.

WHO'S WHO. — The fifth Hebrew edition of Who's Who in Israel has just been published by Bronfman & Cohen, of Tel Aviv. The 18th English edition will be published at the beginning of 1980.

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Share market weakens, bonds remain firm

TEL AVIV. — The index-linked bond market continued to remain firm as trading activity was very moderate yesterday at IL47.50. Most sectors of trading did not change appreciably. Index-linked bonds that did show change traded within a range of 2.5 per cent, in either direction. In contrast the share market continued to weaken as insurance, industrials and investment company shares trended lower. Commercial bank shares continued to move higher while mortgage bank issues were mixed. Land development and real estate shares also put in a mixed performance. The IDB and Discount Bank group of securities were not traded yesterday as the Israel Discount Bank announced its semi-annual balance sheet in the order of IL17.65, as compared with IL14.50, a year ago. Profits of IL34.5m., for the 12 months ending on June 30, 1979, showed an advance of 71 per cent. On the secondary market, the various com-

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mercial banks all advanced by one point with the exception of Union Bank which gained two. The Tefahot Mortgage Bank shares gained 11 points, though the Reichmann brothers have discounted any further negotiations regarding the purchase of the bank. There were no other major changes in the group. The Israel Mortgage and Development Bank's shares were not traded yesterday as the bank announced its semi-annual results which showed a balance sheet total of IL4.5b. and reflected a yearly gain of 78 per cent. Net

profits of IL34.5m. advanced by 98 per cent as compared with those for the similar period ending on June 30, 1978. Insurance equities trended lower. Arzyah was down by 22 points. Both Hassneh and Phoenix II lost five points. Land development and real estate issues were mixed. Sola's Bonch rebounded as its shares gained 64 points. Property and Building traded unchanged while ILDC was dropping a few points. Industrials moved downward. Shemen and Rim II shares were down by about 5 per cent. Alliance, on the other hand, was "buyers only" and saw its shares established at a level 65 points higher. Polgat was down by 15. Others in the group showed up with relatively small losses. In the investment company group prices also moved lower. Export Investment was 18 points lower while Koor Industries was falling by 68 points. Piryon eased by two while the company's options were rising by three. The Piryon option 2 will cease to be traded on September 25. The Israel pound fell five agorot in relation to the American dollar.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with multiple columns listing stock symbols, closing prices, volume, and percentage changes. Includes sections for 'Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange' and 'Most active shares'.

Representative bond prices

Table listing various bond types such as '5.5% Defence loan', '4% Gov't development', and '7% Gov't (80% Co-L)', along with their prices and changes.

New York Stock Exchange

Table showing 'Closing prices - Sept. 10' for various stocks including 'Allied Chemicals', 'ASA', 'Amer. Int. Paper Mills', and 'Avco'. Includes 'Dow Jones Industrial Average: 876.87 up 2.75'.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — Sept. 10

Table listing exchange rates for various currencies including 'U.S. dollar', 'British sterling', 'German mark', 'French franc', 'Dutch guilder', 'Swedish krona', 'Norwegian krone', 'Danish krone', 'Finnish mark', 'Canadian dollar', 'Australian dollar', 'South African rand', 'Belgian franc', 'Austrian schilling', 'New Zealand dollar', 'Japanese yen', 'Jordanian dinar', and 'Lebanese lira'.

Eilat had highest year round occupancy rate

By SHEILA MELTZER Jerusalem Post Reporter. EILAT. — In spite of the season's late start, rises in air fares and the cost of petrol, Eilat had a good summer. August was very good. In fact, with all the hotels packed throughout the month, it brought the summer-to-summer occupancy rate to 71 per cent, the highest in the country. It also brought a smile back to the faces of hoteliers, who had feared that the rush to travel abroad would leave no people in the country to come down to Eilat. In view of the high prices in Europe, the last-minute campaign by local hotels to slash prices helped Eilat keep its position as Israel's most popular holiday resort. With August over, thoughts here turn to the charter season. Beginning in mid-October, the prospects are good with 12 direct flights from Europe a week, plus additional passenger services coming in via Ben-Gurion Airport. Several new companies will be selling Eilat in Europe this winter for the first time. In Sweden, Vingresor, which pioneered Scandinavian travel to Eilat in 1968 for two seasons and then gave up, has decided to give up another try. Switzerland's Hotelplan will be flying in via Ben-Gurion Airport. From Britain OSL, the country's largest self-catering holiday company, will be flying from Glasgow and Luton, offering its customers a stay at the recently opened Malony Towers Apartment Hotel, Thompsons. Britain's largest travel agents, will also sell Eilat vacations. Thierberg, flying from Scandinavia and England, still remains Eilat's biggest customer, with some 600 beds weekly. Red Sea Holidays, operated by Twickenham Travel in London, will almost double its occupancy this year with a direct flight from Gatwick and a second flight via Tel Aviv. Twickenham Travel, which started the first charters from England to Eilat three years ago, this year also pioneered a summer trade to Eilat through its Jaffa Tours charter flights to Tel Aviv, which offered the Red Sea as an additional destination. "We were pleasantly surprised by the volume of traffic we had to Eilat this summer," said Rafi Caplin, founder of Twickenham's Israel department, who was in Eilat



A tractor-mounted automatic tree-pruner attracts great attention at the Agritech exhibition. (Katz)

Agricultural technology has major export potential says Sharon

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday opened the Agritech exhibition of agricultural mechanization and technology at the National Exhibition grounds here. Sharon said that agricultural technology had the potential of becoming a major export and making an important contribution to the achievement of economic independence. With 600 exhibitors taking part in the exhibition, nearly 200 from 19 foreign countries, local producers are hoping for enough new orders to fulfil the industry ministry's target of increasing the value of exports in agricultural technology from \$300m. last year to \$400m. this year. Sharon said that agricultural technology had the potential of becoming a major export and making an important contribution to the achievement of economic independence. With 600 exhibitors taking part in the exhibition, nearly 200 from 19 foreign countries, local producers are hoping for enough new orders to fulfil the industry ministry's target of increasing the value of exports in agricultural technology from \$300m. last year to \$400m. this year. Sharon said that agricultural technology had the potential of becoming a major export and making an important contribution to the achievement of economic independence. With 600 exhibitors taking part in the exhibition, nearly 200 from 19 foreign countries, local producers are hoping for enough new orders to fulfil the industry ministry's target of increasing the value of exports in agricultural technology from \$300m. last year to \$400m. this year.

Gold between \$335 and \$337

LONDON (AP). — Gold bullion prices rebounded as the European week started yesterday. But they sagged to finish the day up from Friday's closing, although still short of last Thursday's peak. Gold trading in Zurich, Europe's biggest market, was brief, due to a holiday, and the metal was last quoted around \$337.125 an ounce, compared to Friday's closing of \$330. In London the metal jumped to about the same level, from Friday's \$332.50, but it wound up at \$335.575. That was a record closing for the London market, but well short of the all-time trading high reached last Thursday in Zurich: \$341.70. Some analysts predicted a "correction" will reverse this summer's gold boom, but they hedged on the level at which it would take place. European dealers said dollar trading was slow, thin and nervous as major buyers and sellers stayed on the sidelines, pending the outcome of a number of international monetary meetings this week. The dollar's slippage for the day began in Tokyo, where the business day ends before Europe's begins. It closed at 220.225 yen, down from 220.825 yen at the end of last week. The only bright spot for the dollar was in London, where the British pound eased to wind up at \$2.2468, compared to \$2.2505 the day before. Late dollar rates in other European centres, compared with the end of last week: Frankfurt — 1.8055 marks, down from 1.8085; Zurich — 1.6244 Swiss francs, down from 1.6262; Paris — 4.2160 French francs, down from 4.2237; Amsterdam — 1.9530 guilders, down from 1.9515; Milan — 511.25 lire, down from 512.50.

Sudan profits by selling Saudi oil

KUWAIT (AP). — Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri's recent visit to Saudi Arabia was intended to seal a rift over the Sudan's unauthorized resale of Saudi oil at premium prices, the Kuwait daily Al-Anbassa reported last week. "A crisis of confidence" developed between the two countries when Sudan bought a shipment of Saudi oil at \$18 a barrel for local consumption, the newspaper said. Instead of transporting the oil from Jidda to Port Sudan, the Sudanese shipped it to Rotterdam, where it was sold at \$30 a barrel. Quoting "well-informed sources" in the Sudanese capital, the newspaper said that the sale achieved a net profit of \$4.8m. In his talks with Saudi Arabia's King Khalid in Taif, Numeiri attempted to justify the transaction as necessary "for paying the salaries of civil servants and armed forces, who began to complain recently because of the economic crisis," Al-Anbassa added.

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Table titled 'FOREIGN EXCHANGE' showing rates for various currencies and 'INTERBANK LONDON SPOT RATES' for U.S., Swiss, and other currencies.

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The brawling barons

IT IS HUMAN to err, as well as to differ, for cabinet ministers no less than for simple mortals. The outsider may therefore be somewhat hard put to decide, on the basis of the available evidence, who's right and who's wrong, if anyone, in the furious controversies that are now rocking the government establishment — between Agriculture Minister Sharon and Deputy Premier Yadin, between Energy Minister Moda'i and Civil Service Commissioner Friedman, and even between Absorption and Housing Minister Levy and Jewish Agency Chairman Dulzin.

What the open-eyed observer cannot, however, fail to conclude is that the brawling, vituperative assembly of feudal barons, presided over by a tut-tutting ineffectual prince, that passes for a government hardly deserves the title at all.

Did Ariel Sharon or did he not mislead his colleagues about the location of the four new planned settlements in Samaria? Yigael Yadin insists that he did, and Sharon's own comment last week — that it did not matter what the precise locations of the settlements were — would seem to bear the Deputy Premier out. The Agriculture Minister's record on veracity, notably on the question of settlements, during the past two years has been, to put it mildly, singularly unimpressive.

If Sharon did not actually mislead his colleagues, it was perhaps only in the sense that they have long shown themselves all too willing to be led by Sharon wherever he wanted. Thus the principle seems to have been accepted that on settlements, whatever Ark wants, Ark more-or-less gets.

The right reserved by Yadin — or is it still reserved, even after the 15-member DMC's shrinkage into the 7-member DM? — to appeal majority cabinet decisions on settling the territories before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, has not been more than a shoddy formality.

But the Agriculture Minister not only felt contempt for the Deputy Premier, he also must have felt the need to give it the fullest untrammelled expression. Thus, crying out that his own blood was being spilled, he in so many words vented his rheum at his colleague, and in effect at the cabinet as a whole, and then hastened to leak it to the media as well.

The Prime Minister promptly ordered Sharon's tirade expunged from the record. Yet he also ordered an official communiqué to be published which exonerated Sharon of any charge of bearing false witness. In which case Yadin should have been called to order for calling Sharon a liar. Thus the harm has not only not been undone, it has been compounded.

In the past, too, cabinet members had harsh things to say about their fellow ministers. For the most part, however, they chose to consign them to their diaries. The late Moshe Sharett has recently been criticized for failing to make public, at the time, his often stinging judgment of the foreign policies of the late David Ben-Gurion.

These have only come to light now, with the publishing of the former foreign minister's diaries. And the obvious reason they were kept secret so long was their author's sure conviction that he could not remain inside a team yet act as though he were outside it.

In later years such inhibitions were somewhat relaxed. But only in the past two years, under Prime Minister Begin's stewardship, have they disappeared completely. A new norm of verbal violence has been established at the highest state level, and Begin's pious appeal only the other day for its suppression has been totally ignored.

Once established, this new norm will prove very hard to suppress, no matter which party happens to be at the helm. The greater danger is that the acceptance of this new norm of incivility at the top will help insinuate it through all levels of Israel's society.

...embroiled over absorption

HARDLY A WEEK goes by that the news media do not report some bapening reflecting the critical abortcomings of aliya and absorption apparatuses.

Hardly a week passes that they do not also report a fresh skirmish in the continuous war between the various mandarins involved over who shall control the decrepit machinery: the run-down Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization Aliya and Absorption Department, which a long time ago knew what it was doing and did it fairly well, and the Absorption Ministry, which never really knew what it was supposed to do.

This time, the contending champions are Agency Executive Chairman Arvi Dulzin and Absorption and Housing Minister David Levy. Prime Minister Begin finds himself in the unenviable position of a referee-arbitrator with an eye on the political fortunes of his Likud bloc, whose continued existence depends to a certain extent on how he calls the blows and on the compromise he suggests. For Dulzin is a leader of the Likud's Liberal faction who in May, 1977 thought he was going to be foreign minister, and Levy is the limbs and muscle of the Herut faction and, therefore, presumed to be one of the main keys to the outcome of the next Knesset elections.

The solution proposed by the Prime Minister at last week's acrimonious meeting with Dulzin and Levy is perhaps the only solution an impotent arbitrator could propose, but is no solution at all.

He proposed that the Agency Aliya and Absorption Department and the Absorption Ministry go on doing what they have been doing as they are doing it, but under the coordination of a "national absorption administration." This will be, at best, like solving the problem of the broken-wheeled wagon and the blind, crippled old man by assigning an automobile mechanic to ride beside the one-armed wagoner.

Actually, the only reasonable — even if not ideal — remedy existing on paper is that contained in the three-year-old Horev Commission report. This proposes the abolition of both the Agency department and the government ministry, and the establishment of a "Supreme Aliya and Absorption Council" headed by the Prime Minister himself.

The trouble with that report is that it concerns itself with Israel's aliya and absorption needs and not with personal or party politics. And if the Labour administration that appointed the Horev Commission at least paid lip service to aliya-absorption as being "second only to security" in the scale of national priorities, the present nationalist administration rarely mentions the word "aliya" at all.

For the health of the idea of aliya and of the olim involved, the Jews of the Diaspora, without whom there will be no Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization and no tax-exempt donations for aliya-absorption needs, ought to take the reins out of the inept hands that have been holding them for too long.

SCPTICAL ISRAELIS who have been questioning President Sadat's peace motives ever since he came to Jerusalem in November 1977, must now be having second thoughts as a result of his performance in Haifa.

During his three-day visit to the panoramic northern port city last week for summit talks with Premier Begin, Sadat demonstrated not only statesmanship but friendliness, openness and even affection. And if, on his third visit to Israel, he once again captured the imagination of many Israelis, his attractive wife and his charming youngest daughter, making their first appearance in this country, certainly captured their hearts.

The sixty-four-thousand-dollar question is whether the Egyptian leader, staging last week's show of spectacular warmth as well as statesmanship, was indeed genuine. Or was he being the enormously talented actor some people have always suspected him to be?

Well-er, as Sadat himself might say, there seems to be no reason to doubt the sincerity of all that he did and said. In both the empathy he demonstrated at the public events and the readiness to compromise he showed at the official conferences, he was only seeking to reassure Israelis of his determination to pursue the peace process.

And why doubt him?

SADAT MAINTAINS that he is pursuing three main targets, in the interests of Egypt in particular and the Arabs in general, in return for his offer of the peace and security that Israel has long fought for. The three targets are:

- The return to Egyptian sovereignty of all of Sinai that Israel has held since the 1967 war. This involves the elimination of any Israeli military and civilian presence from the desert peninsula — including the evacuation of the Israeli settlers.
• The establishment in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip of an autonomous administration, which Sadat views as the prelude to eventual independence for those territories over which Israel claims sovereignty.
• The halting of what Sadat's minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali, has been describing — he did so again last week at the Non-Aligned Movement's summit in Havana — as Israel's "expansion and colonialism."

One of Sadat's main arguments in this connection is that Israel would have stayed along the Suez Canal and the Jordan River indefinitely but for his peace drive. Now she is pulling back

There is no reason to doubt President Sadat, at least not in the short term, writes Middle East Affairs Editor ANAN SAFADI.



Yours sincerely

from Sinai and will be withdrawing the troops on the West Bank to agreed and defined locations. And this, Sadat holds, could serve as a precedent with regard to the Golan Heights.

Sadat couples the accomplishment of these three aims through peaceful means with one more target that is no less important: an end to the sufferings of his country which, he points out, has lost 10,000 men and \$40B. in five wars with Israel — the latter's War of Independence in 1948, the Sinai Campaign in 1956, the Six Day War in 1967, the war of attrition in 1969 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

ALL THIS provides a strong logical basis for Sadat's position, and gives no cause for cynicism about his sincerity. But there is another equally strong basis for his actions.

In the nine years of his presidency, Sadat has displayed a strong emotional bent. His is not the quiet, calculated style of a Hafes Assad, who took over in Syria only two months after Sadat ascended to power. The political actions of Sadat, who likes to see himself as a grand manipulator, have been characterized by an annual "decisive move," which often aimed at reasserting his control over the regional scene. His moves were generally based on an

impeccable sense of political timing.

Honour and dignity are an important part of the Arab character. In Sadat's case, they fit in well with his patriarchal style, which is evident in the way he treats his own people and in his dealings with other Arabs. He broke with the Soviets at least partly because they had the effrontery to deal directly with other leaders in the Arab world and not exclusively through him.

He did not launch his historic journey to Jerusalem by means of a slow and discreet process of negotiation with Israel, but by way of reaction to the U.S.-Soviet joint Middle

East memorandum, which he saw as belittling his own status as an independent leader to be reckoned with. That same feeling of humiliation appears to have prompted Sadat's action last month in vetoing — as did Israel — the U.S. initiative for "updating" Security Council Resolution 242, a move which would have undermined his claim to the right to speak for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

And while his warmth towards the people of Haifa can be attributed to the fact that Israel is now the only Middle Eastern country, except for Egypt, where he can receive the adulation of the populace, it is also a sign of Sadat's view of his own status. The Egyptian leader clearly sought to emphasize that he has not been weakened by the torrent of abuse his brethren have been hurling at him either from home or in international forums such as the Havana conference. Being in the spotlight himself, he was in fact implying that it is not he who is isolated, but they.

AS FAR AS the close ties between Sadat and Begin are concerned, the relationship is one of mutual benefit. The Egyptian leader clearly wants to keep his Israeli counterpart happy, and will do nothing that might stop the phased return of Sinai to Egypt in the course of the next 30 months. On the other hand, Begin will go to great lengths to please Sadat, so long as he feels that Israel's hold on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip can be maintained.

It must be recalled that in Haifa, when pressed by newsmen, Sadat reminded them that the bilateral relations he was cementing with Begin were only part of the peace deal forged by them at Camp David. He stressed that what was agreed upon there was "a comprehensive settlement, not a separate peace."

So long as he can interpret the peace-and-normalization process as moving in the direction of a comprehensive settlement, there is little reason to doubt the sincerity of Sadat's peace gestures.

It is only if he sees impassable obstacles on that route that he may still alter his course, as he has done before — for instance, in dissolving federations with other Arab countries, in abrogating the 15-year cooperation and friendship pact with the Soviets that he had signed only a year earlier, and most recently in breaking away from the Arab front. Unless his very character has changed and he is no longer master of the unexpected.

READERS' LETTERS

THE DISCOVERY OF PENICILLIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Sir Ernest Boris Chain who died recently was a great man and there is no need to correct history to enhance his reputation. Your reporter AZ (August 15) writes of the discovery of penicillin: "The truth is that while both Fleming and Sir Howard Florey worked for years on the original observations of Pasteur, it was only after they were joined by Ernest Chain..."

In fact, the historical truth is much more interesting than the fiction of AZ. The popular legend, that Fleming first observed the killing of microbes by the fungus penicillium that blew on to a petri dish in the laboratory, is quite true. Not only that, Fleming grew large amounts of the fungus, made extracts, called the extract penicillin, studied its properties and even tested its healing qualities on patients. In Fleming's report, published in 1929 (Chain began work on penicillin 10 years later), he wrote that "it may be an efficient antiseptic for application to or injection into areas infected with penicillin-sensitive microbes."

Fleming, however, was no chemist and his penicillin was very dilute and unstable: it took weeks of effort to produce the most minute amounts. It needed Chain's genius when Florey suggested that he study the chemistry of lysozyme and other substances that dissolve bacteria. They came across Fleming's paper and at the beginning of 1939, Chain turned his attention to penicillin. The Oxford group deserves all the credit for solving the enormously complex problems of production, concentration and partial purification of penicillin to the stage where they had enough to test its safety on animals and to do the crucial experiment on 50 white mice (where does AZ get eight mice from?) injected with streptococci. The 25 untreated mice all died; of the 25 given penicillin, 24 survived. These results were published in the "Lancet" in August 1940 and that is how Fleming, who had never worked with Florey or even met Chain, heard about

them. In fact Florey had thought Fleming already dead. PROFESSOR A. MICHAEL DAVIES Jerusalem.

Alexander Zvielli comments: Professor Davies' description of the discovery of penicillin differs from the version given by Professor Chain himself to Richie Calder, a noted British scientific journalist and published in the "New Statesman and Nation" on October 30, 1953.

In his report of this interview, Mr. Calder strongly denies the story of "the killing of microbes by the fungus penicillium that blew on a petri dish in the laboratory," which he ascribes to an improbable account by J. M. Barrie.

The experiment in which only eight mice were used was described in an article written by Palestine Post correspondent, Malcolm Langley, who interviewed Chain when they flew together from France to Palestine. This article appeared in The Palestine Post on April 29, 1946.

It is well-known that Prof. Chain was hitler about the treatment of his work in England. While Fleming discovered penicillin, Chain's discoveries made possible the large-scale production of the drug. But denied a hearing in England, he was forced to take his work abroad, to Italy, where he was appointed Director of the Institute of Health in Rome and given all the necessary facilities to start the mass production of penicillin.

PENFRIENDS

LARS GUSTAFSSON (17), of Ridderdalegaten 2D, 810 70 Alvkarleby, Sweden, would like to have Israeli penfriends in order to learn more about our country. He collects stamps, coins and post-cards.

LORENZO PAUL FLOREZ (22), of 8832 East Herridge Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona 85283, would like to have an Israeli penfriend.

Dry Bones



July, 1979

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Just a little more than one year ago, a small group of English-speaking ladies joined together and started an organization called Netanya Willing Hands. We raise money by holding different functions, such as coffee mornings, auctions, supper parties, bazaars, and a major dance. In the short period of our existence, and with wonderful cooperation from our fairly large, hard-working group, we have

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successfully raised a considerable sum of money, which has enabled us to fulfil the purpose of the organization, which is to help our local hospital's projects, elderly lonely citizens, under-privileged children, poor families, and very needy sick. I am sure that other areas in Israel could use our Willing Hands system, and we would be only too happy to help organize any group in the coun-

try to begin a Sister group. This work is very rewarding; it helps new immigrants to settle, brings them into an active social life which many miss when leaving their countries, and gives them the feeling that they are taking a useful part in life in Israel by assisting those that receive little or no help from other channels. Mrs. Ketilim of Willing Hands, write to P.O.B. 1070, NETANYA.

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